

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section
5 5-12021 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-12021 new)

7 Sec. 5-12021. Special provisions relating to public
8 schools.

9 (a) In exercising the powers under this Division with
10 respect to public school districts, a county shall act in a
11 reasonable manner that neither regulates educational
12 activities, such as school curricula, administration, and
13 staffing, nor frustrates a school district's statutory duties.
14 This subsection (a) is declarative of existing law and does not
15 change the substantive operation of this Division.

16 (b) In processing zoning applications from public school
17 districts, a county shall make reasonable efforts to streamline
18 the zoning application and review process for the school board
19 and minimize the administrative burdens involved in the zoning
20 review process, including, but not limited to, reducing
21 application fees and other costs associated with the project of
22 a school board to the greatest extent practicable but in no
23 event more than the lowest fees customarily imposed by the

1 county for similar applications, limiting the number of times
2 the school district must amend its site plans, reducing the
3 number of copies of site plans and any other documents required
4 to be submitted by the county, and expediting the zoning review
5 process for the purpose of rendering a decision on any
6 application from a school district within 90 days after a
7 completed application is submitted to the county.

8 Section 10. The Township Code is amended by changing
9 Section 110-70 as follows:

10 (60 ILCS 1/110-70)

11 Sec. 110-70. School district ~~affected~~.

12 (a) In any hearing before a zoning commission or board of
13 appeals, any school district within which the property in
14 issue, or any part of that property, is located may appear and
15 present evidence.

16 (b) In exercising the powers under this Article with
17 respect to public school districts, a township shall act in a
18 reasonable manner that neither regulates educational
19 activities, such as school curricula, administration, and
20 staffing, nor frustrates a school district's statutory duties.
21 This subsection (b) is declarative of existing law and does not
22 change the substantive operation of this Article.

23 (c) In processing zoning applications from public school
24 districts, a township shall make reasonable efforts to

1 streamline the zoning application and review process for the
2 school board and minimize the administrative burdens involved
3 in the zoning review process, including, but not limited to,
4 reducing application fees and other costs associated with the
5 project of a school board to the greatest extent practicable
6 but in no event more than the lowest fees customarily imposed
7 by the township for similar applications, limiting the number
8 of times the school district must amend its site plans,
9 reducing the number of copies of site plans and any other
10 documents required to be submitted by the township, and
11 expediting the zoning review process for the purpose of
12 rendering a decision on any application from a school district
13 within 90 days after a completed application is submitted to
14 the township.

15 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 3481; P.A. 88-62.)

16 Section 15. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
17 adding Section 11-13-27 as follows:

18 (65 ILCS 5/11-13-27 new)

19 Sec. 11-13-27. Special provisions relating to public
20 schools.

21 (a) In exercising the powers under this Division with
22 respect to public school districts, a municipality shall act in
23 a reasonable manner that neither regulates educational
24 activities, such as school curricula, administration, and

1 staffing, nor frustrates a school district's statutory duties.
2 This subsection (a) is declarative of existing law and does not
3 change the substantive operation of this Division.

4 (b) In processing zoning applications from public school
5 districts, a municipality shall make reasonable efforts to
6 streamline the zoning application and review process for the
7 school board and minimize the administrative burdens involved
8 in the zoning review process, including, but not limited to,
9 reducing application fees and other costs associated with the
10 project of a school board to the greatest extent practicable
11 but in no event more than the lowest fees customarily imposed
12 by the municipality for similar applications, limiting the
13 number of times the school district must amend its site plans,
14 reducing the number of copies of site plans and any other
15 documents required to be submitted by the municipality, and
16 expediting the zoning review process for the purpose of
17 rendering a decision on any application from a school district
18 within 90 days after a completed application is submitted to
19 the municipality.

20 Section 20. The School Code is amended by changing Section
21 10-22.13a as follows:

22 (105 ILCS 5/10-22.13a)

23 Sec. 10-22.13a. Zoning changes, variations, and special
24 uses for school district property; zoning compliance. To seek

1 zoning changes, variations, or special uses for property held
2 or controlled by the school district.

3 A school district is subject to and its school board must
4 comply with any valid local government zoning ordinance or
5 resolution that applies where the pertinent part of the
6 building, structure, or site owned by the school district is
7 located. The changes to this Section made by this amendatory
8 Act of the 99th General Assembly are declarative of existing
9 law and do not change the substantive operation of this
10 Section.

11 (Source: P.A. 90-566, eff. 1-2-98.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.